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**Maine EMS Education Committee  
Minutes  
Wednesday, October 14, 1998**

Present: C. Boehm, B. Davis, L. Delano, B. Demchak, P. Marcolini (Chairman), D. Palladino, P. Plumer, S. Shapleigh, L. Worden

Staff: D. Corning

**I. Call to Order - 9:35 a.m.**

- a. **Introductions** - None required
- b. **Assign Timekeeper and Scribe** - D. Palladino agreed to keep time and D. Corning to scribe.
- c. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda** - None

**II. Acceptance of September Minutes:** The committee reviewed the minutes of the September 9, 1998, meeting.

**MOTION: To accept the minutes of the September 9, 1998 meeting (Demchak; Palladino)**  
**- Motion Carries.**

**III. Staff Report:**

- a. **Enhanced EMT-I Update:** Operations Team update of the Enhanced EMT-I program was delayed until November when more regions could be present.
- b. **EMS Hazmat:** A draft of the EMS Hazmat Level I & II Instructor candidate qualifications was distributed by Bill Montejo at the Operations Team meeting. If you would like to see or review this draft document see Bill or your regional coordinator. Bill is continuing to review other programs for adoption by Maine EMS for EMS Hazmat training.
- c. **EMS Day at Legislature:** The Operations Team is planning another EMS Day at the Legislature, with a target date of January 21, 1999. Ideas for the display can be shared with the regional coordinators or Jay.
- d. **KVEMS I/C Education Program:** The KVEMS I/C Education program planned for Saturday, October 17, has had a very poor response so far. Remind anyone who may have an interest that registrations will be accepted right up to the last minute.
- e. **Tri-County I/C program:** Tri-County is tentatively planning an I/C program for next March.

- f. **New England Council for EMS:** The NEC annual fall conference will be held in Newport Rhode Island on Monday, November 23. This years conference topic is “EMS Planning for Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction”. Applications are available at Maine EMS. The conference fee is \$100.00, with a registration deadline of November 13, 1998.
- g. **National Council of State EMS Training Coordinators Update:** Dwight provided a brief update of the NCSEMSTC annual meeting in Sacramento. The Paramedic curriculum is finished, accepted by NHTSA, and should be available from their web site any day. The EMT-I curriculum has been received by NHTSA and is currently under review. The Council sent NHTSA four concerns with the proposed EMT-I curriculum, which NHTSA currently has under consideration. The four areas of concern are:
  - 1. Remove all material relating to external cardiac pacing, because it is not in the *Education and Practical Blueprint*.
  - 2. Removal of all material relating to pharmacology agents that are not considered to be first line ACLS drugs, for the same reason as above.
  - 3. Clean up of “orphan” objectives by either removing the objectives that have no curriculum associated with them, or by adding curriculum to cover those objectives.
  - 4. Conducting comparative pilots based on the 3/1/98 draft of the curriculum. Data gathered from pilots based on a draft of the curriculum prior to January 1998 should no longer be considered valid, due to the extensive revision of the curriculum in January. Also be sure to hold pilot training in states where the current curriculum doesn’t already exceed the *Blueprint’s* recommendations for the EMT-I revision.

The Council is also working on an implementation guide to assist the regulatory agencies of each state in implementing the new National Standard Curriculum, if they so choose, and the National Association of EMS Educators is working on a roll out for instructors. The implementation guide is due to be completed by March 1999. The Council is also preparing to address the issue of how we transition current EMT-I’s and EMT-P’s from the current level to the new level. There has been no comparison of objectives between the current and the new programs, therefore it is not known what material needs to be taught to update current providers. It is likely that the Council will enter into a contract with NHTSA to do the objective comparison.

#### IV. **Old Business:**

- a. **EMS/TC Task Force** - The September meeting between Jay & Dick Willis had to be postponed due to a family emergency, and a new meeting date has not yet been set.
- b. **EMT-Intermediate** - L. Delano has sent a letter to Jay asking to be able to meet with the Operations Team, Exam Committee, MDPB, and Board to continue moving this objective forward. She attended the last Operations Team meeting, but discussion was delayed until November. The Education Committee still has to look at the CEH requirements for the EMT-I level, and decide if any additional CEH hours need to be added. This has not been discussed on this committee as a separate item because the whole CEH program is being reviewed. The biggest piece that has to be done is to have a letter sent out to all current EMT-I’s explaining the changes and asking for feedback, and Liz has asked Jay to do that.
- c. **I/C Program** - There was lengthy discussion and feedback for Chip on the document that he had prepared for this committee entitled *Maine EMS Educational System “One Vision for Instructional Delivery”*. **Motion: Move that C. Boehm make the corrections and changes discussed today, and return the document to D. Corning for distribution to other appropriate committee’s for their review. (Palladino/Worden) Passed**
- d. **Distance Learning** - The distance learning committee has not yet met, but to move this topic forward P. Marcolini presented a discussion that any program (distance or otherwise) should be

evaluated based on a review of the objectives. Program approval would be based on a program meeting the objectives of a course as outlined by Maine EMS. The Education Committee proposed that at the next joint meeting with the Operations Team that a specialist in distance learning be invited to make a presentation to the joint group, with the goal of the joint group ending in agreement with how to review distance learning programs.

- e. **CEH Requirements** - Because two members in attendance needed to leave at 11:30 there was no longer a quorum present, so discussion of this topic is delayed until the next Education Committee meeting.

V. **New Business:**

- a. **Next Meeting:** The Education Committee requested to meet in a joint meeting with the Operations Team in November. Attempts to find an alternate date in November that the present members could attend was unsuccessful. If a joint meeting with the Operations Team is not possible in November, the Education Committee will not meet again until December 9, 1998. The proposed agenda from the Education Committee for a joint meeting is as follows:

- ❖ **First Responder Curriculum Update** - Dwight Corning - 15 minutes
- ❖ **Enhanced EMT-I Curriculum Update** - Liz Delano - 15 minutes
- ❖ **I/C Program Update** - Chip Boehm - 15 minutes
- ❖ **CEH Program** - Paul Marcolini - 30 minutes
- ❖ **Distance Learning Presentation & Discussion** - 90 minutes

Respectfully submitted,

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Scribe